

9. Will you vote to revoke the citizenship of naturalized citizens who betray their oath of U.S. citizenship by claiming dual citizenship with their native country?

10. Do you favor stopping the issuance of driver's licenses to undocumented aliens since many of the 9/11 hijackers boarded the fatal planes by showing their driver's licenses?

11. Do you favor penalties for local public officials who refuse to cooperate with immigration officials in identifying undocumented aliens?

12. Do you favor prohibiting government agencies from accepting foreign-issued identity cards, such as Mexico's matricula consular, as acceptable identification?

13. Do you favor strict health screening of foreigners entering the United States in order to stop the extraordinary rise in cases of tuberculosis, malaria, hepatitis B, intestinal parasites, Chagas' disease, West Nile virus and SARS?

14. Do you favor stopping the racket of smuggling pregnant aliens into the United States so they can give birth to their babies in the United States, thereby making their children immediately eligible for citizenship and welfare?

15. Do you favor a timeout on immigration and visas until the U.S. Department of Homeland Security has a functioning computer system to track aliens, not U.S. citizens, through smart identification cards?

16. Do you favor rescinding Bill Clinton's Executive Order 13166 requiring anyone who receives federal funds, such as doctors and hospitals, to provide their services in foreign languages?

17. Do you favor abolishing federal requirements to provide foreign-language ballots, since the ability to speak, read and write basic English is a requirement to become a naturalized U.S. citizen and only citizens are eligible to vote?

18. Do you favor a general policy of drawing a bright line of difference between U.S. citizens and aliens so that law-abiding U.S. citizens are not treated like potential terrorists or hijackers?

19. Do you favor a Republican Party policy of rejecting political contributions from individuals and corporations that hire undocumented aliens?

20. Is the reason why questions about border security and immigration were omitted from the Republican survey because our leaders don't want to know the answers?

These questions are answered every day in my office. We receive literally hundreds of e-mails and letters, calls into my office with the answers to these questions. In case anybody wonders, let me tell you clearly that a vast majority of Americans believe that we should secure our borders. A vast majority of Americans believe that we should crack down on illegal immigration. A vast number believe that we should reduce even legal immigration. A vast number believe that we should employ whatever we need to employ to secure those borders, including the use of the military.

Most Americans want it. Most Americans understand those categories that I said that this immigration debate breaks down into. Most of them believe that there is a problem in each one of those areas and it has to be addressed through talking about and dealing with our immigration policy, dealing forcefully with it. The only reluctance to do so is in this body and also in the White

House. That is the only place where we are fearful of doing something that, I think I can say without any equivocation, a majority of people in this country want us to do.

Never have I seen an issue, Mr. Speaker, that separates the American people from their government like this one does. Never have I seen an issue the feeling about which is so deep on the part of the people and so shallow on the part of their government. It has gotten to the point where there are places along the border where people have taken up their own defense and armed themselves. I do not encourage that, Mr. Speaker, but I understand the frustration that leads to it. If you are fearful of your children getting to school without being harmed; you are fearful about your wife, her safety and her home on your ranch while you are gone; if you are fearful about people coming through and destroying your way of life, destroying your corrals, your barns; and if you cannot get anyone to answer your call, if you cannot get this government to respond to you, what would you do? I wonder, Mr. Speaker. What would any of us do? Can we really blame people who say if you will not protect me, I will have to try and protect myself.

I want this government to protect them. I want this government to do what we were elected to do. And I will guarantee you, Mr. Speaker, that there are millions of people who are here as immigrants themselves, relatively new, millions of Hispanic Americans who support this effort. They came here usually the right way. They came here legally. They are legal residents of this country, whether it was their grandparents or whomever, just like I am, just like anybody else. They look at the inequity that exists when it is so easy to come here illegally and so difficult to come legally. They recognize that it is a slap in the face to everybody who has come into this country legally and to the millions who are waiting to come into the country legally to allow people to wander across your border and then give them all of the benefits of citizenship.

They know it is a bad policy. They will support us in our efforts. We should not be afraid; we should not be politically frightened because the loudest voices in that community suggest that they will not vote for us if we try to enforce our own laws on the border. Even if they are right, even if we do not get the votes, it should not be what determines whether or not we enforce our own law. Or if we have gotten to the point where that sentiment is the majority sentiment in this country, then let us admit to it. Let us abandon the borders. Bring back those people who are in harm's way. Take them out of harm's way. Let people come into the country at their will. The hundreds of millions who wish to come into the United States, let them do so. Abandon this charade. Or defend the border. Those are the only two choices we have.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Mr. YOUNG of Florida (at the request of Mr. DELAY) for today on account of illness.

SPECIAL ORDERS GRANTED

By unanimous consent, permission to address the House, following the legislative program and any special orders heretofore entered, was granted to:

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. BROWN of Ohio) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. PALLONE, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. MEEK of Florida, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. FILNER, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. DEFAZIO, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. NORTON, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. WOOLSEY, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. LINDA T. SANCHEZ, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. KAPTUR, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. BROWN of Ohio, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. EDWARDS, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. GREEN of Texas, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. SANDLIN, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. FROST, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. TURNER of Texas, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. LAMPSON, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. HINOJOSA, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. BELL, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. RODRIGUEZ, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. GONZALEZ, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. STENHOLM, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. REYES, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. ORTIZ, for 5 minutes, today.

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. KIRK) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. HAYWORTH, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. MCCOTTER, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. KIRK, for 5 minutes, today.

Mrs. BIGGERT, for 5 minutes, today.

(The following Member (at his own request) to revise and extend his remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. GUTKNECHT, for 5 minutes, today.

SENATE BILLS REFERRED

Bills of the Senate of the following titles were taken from the Speaker's table and, under the rule, referred as follows:

S. 195. An act to amend the Solid Waste Disposal Act to bring underground storage tanks into compliance with subtitle I of that Act, to promote cleanup of leaking underground storage tanks, to provide sufficient resources for such compliance and cleanup, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

S. 709. An act to award a congressional gold medal to Prime Minister Tony Blair; to the Committee on Financial Services.